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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Chief, Special Projects
Staff, OJCS

SUBJECT : RAPID

Vaughan -

With RAPID Functional Specifications apparently ready for approval as scheduled by this Thursday, 24 June, [] has completed the primary task agreed upon in April at the time we revamped management of the project. It is our understanding that the one remaining area of concern, the possibility of messages being lost in the interface between the AUTODIN communications system and the RAPID processor, is being dealt with by Autologic. We assume OJCS will see that this question is satisfactorily resolved in keeping with the RFP requirements on message integrity. For the future:

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1. [] needs to remain closely involved in the project through our RAPID coordinator, []. I would appreciate your having reports and routine correspondence channeled through him, as he is responsible for keeping me informed on all developments.

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2. It would be useful for Don to attend all negotiating sessions between Agency staffs and the contractor team whenever decisions are expected to be made, even though the agenda may be primarily technical. Of course, he need not be present when OJCS RAPID staff members are being oriented or studying technical details of the system at the contractor's site, unless you so desire.

3. We of course must play a primary role during the review of the System Design, since our operational and resource interests will have to be protected during discussions on system testing and installation. To avoid confusion, I believe it would be best if we could review OJCS proposals before they are forwarded to the contractor.

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4. Your three-member RAPID team will be new to the project, and we will want to provide them with an intensive orientation of [] operations as soon as possible. Don will be happy to arrange this. Also, the RAPID staff will need to make a detailed on-site study [] of space and operations preparatory to discussions with the contractor on training, installation, and cutover plans. Don can easily arrange this.

5. Since I am responsible for disbursement of the funds related to RAPID, I will need to be kept fully aware of matters relating to contract amendments, claims settlement, travel projections, and other cost-related items. Final authorization for acceptance of the RAPID system naturally is reserved to []

cc: Acting RAPID COTR
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C/DDI Management Staff
[] Automation Task Force

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